

**MINUTES  
CITY OF EDINA, MINNESOTA  
SPORTS DOME STUDY WORK GROUP  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
Thursday, September 15, 2011  
7:30 A.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 7:40AM
- II. ROLL CALL – Members present: Deeds, Fronek, Jacobson and Jones were present.  
Members absent: Hulbert  
Staff present: Ann Kattreh
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA – Agenda was approved as written
- IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Approval of Minutes -- Work group meeting of August 31, 2011 – Minutes were approved as written
- V. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Ann Buratti spoke representing the Edina Soccer Club. She stated that they are in favor of a dome, but do not want to lose the beautiful field at Braemar. Inna Hayes spoke about the importance of location and the effect on neighborhoods. She stated that fields would be nice but that the impact on the neighborhoods needs to be considered.
- VI. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS
  - A. Mission Statement – Members expressed concern over the scope of the facility inventory and the process of determining unmet needs and desires. Members discussed the inventory as well as who should be included in a study of needs and desires for an indoor sports facility. It was determined that members were not in agreement over the exact scope of the inventory and needs study. Staff was requested to seek clarification from Scott Neal or the City Council. Approval of the mission statement was tabled until the next meeting.
  - B. RFP for Consultant – Staff prepared and presented a draft RFP. Members discussed the timing of the RFP in relation to the “needs” survey. Members discussed the information that a consultant would be able to provide and the time required to seek proposals and hire a consultant.
  - C. Facility Inventory Update – Staff briefly presented the draft Park Amenities Inventory, Athletic Field inventory and Domed Facilities spreadsheets. Members made requests and recommendations for additions to all three documents.

Additions requested for the Park Amenities inventory were the following: Date of playground equipment installed; handicap accessibility at playgrounds; distance on trails – to help budget for repaving; potential field space for turf or athletic field space; year warming houses were built and what amenities do they include i.e. sinks, refrigerators, restrooms, community room aspect, air conditioning, etc.; lakes in parks and fishing docks; storage on field sites; bleachers; greenhouse – Arneson; community garden

potential sites/open spaces; fields with potential for lights – could field use be extended?; lights and irrigation already are included in inventory.

Recommended additions to the Domed Facility Comparison inventory are the following: MN Made Hockey, running tracks; new indoor facility on Washington – too small for games with 96X 65 yards field; Indoor baseball on other side of 169, new batting facility on 70<sup>th</sup>; First Athlete; private tennis.

- D. Survey for Associations and other potential user groups – Member Deeds volunteered to assist Staff in preparing and evaluating a “needs and interest” survey. Members discussed the format and contents of the survey. Members were asked to provide any specific questions or suggestions to Ann. The survey will be done electronically.
- E. Metro Area Dome Comparison – Members made recommendations for additional facilities to be included in the comparison.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS – None noted

VIII. CHAIR AND WORK GROUP MEMBER COMMENTS – None noted

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 8:50AM